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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: § Attorney Docket No.: RP9-99-048  
**CROMER ET AL.** §  
Serial No.: 09/281,852 § Examiner: LEE, C. **RECEIVED**  
Filed: 31 MARCH 1999 §  
Title: **DATA PROCESSING**  
**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR**  
**MAINTAINING SECURE DATA**  
**BLOCKS** § Group Art Unit: 2131 **Technology Center 2100**

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above-identified application. Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time. Please charge the appropriate non-small-entity fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1) of \$110.00 to **IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0563**.

Respectfully submitted,

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